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(Case No. 00-714-G)

In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/830,620

Filed: April 26, 2001

For: NANOPARTICLES WITH  
POLYMER SHELLS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application.

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- b) U.S. PTO 1449 Form with copies of 3 references; and
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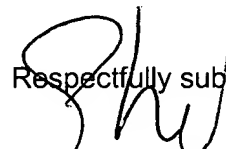
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**FIFTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, copies<sup>1</sup> of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. PCT Patent WO 98/28368, issued 07/02/1998
2. PCT Patent WO 97/00995, issued 01/07/1997
3. Gittins, David L. et al., "Tailoring the Polyelectrolyte Coating of Metal Nanoparticles", *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, 105, pp. 6846-6852 (2001)

<sup>1</sup>To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the file of a parent application. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated there between; if no such English language equivalent is cited, then none is known to undersigned.

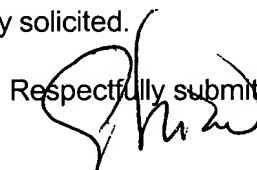
In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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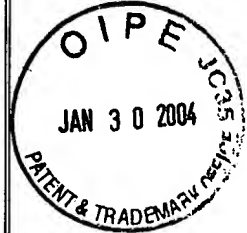
Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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1.		WO 98/28368	07/02/1998	PCT				
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

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